

Vanderbilt has been buying a large tract of land in New York on the river front for building docks and warehouses for the transshipment of freight directly from the cars to vessels, a convenience which ought to have been secured years ago.

The employees of the Erie R. R. have been indulging in a strike because their wages were in arrears and forcibly stopped the running of all trains. The militia of Pennsylvania has been called out and restrained the rioters by force. At last accounts an amicable settlement of the difficulty had been agreed upon.

The House has passed the inter-state railroad bill for the purpose of regulating the tariff on roads that pass from one state to another, by a very close vote. If the bill becomes a law it will be of considerable benefit to this section of country in regulating the freights on marble, lumber, milk, &c., which are now manifestly unjust.

Some of the papers in the State are publishing long articles in favor of a state convention of farmers in order to get some equitable basis for putting property into the Grand List for the equalization of state and county taxes. We think the last legislature passed an act for the formation of such a state body to assemble in August for that particular purpose.

Sanborn and Jayne who made contracts with the government for collecting arrears of taxes and fines for a percentage, are still under investigation at the hands of the Ways and Means committee. Although their operations may have saved some money to the government, their manner of collecting it sometimes looked like black-mailing; and it is also charged that they have not accounted for all the money collected.

No election of United States Senator has been made in the Mass. legislature, the balloting showing that neither of the leading candidates can be elected, but some new man, though who it shall be does not yet appear. The last ballot on Tuesday gives:

Henry L. Dawes	95
E. Rockwood Hoar	78
Benjamin R. Curtis	76
Charles F. Adams	15
N. P. Banks	6
Scattering	4
Whole number of votes	224
Necessary for a choice	138

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The House of Representatives has passed, by a decided majority, the bill authorizing the issue of the \$44,000,000 green backs, making the full amount \$400,000,000, and the Senate will probably concur, though not without a struggle, and perhaps as a compromise measure to offset the determination of the House to authorize a system of free banking. The House shows a majority of inflationists while the Senate is very evenly divided. Nearly all the old leaders in Congress are opposed to inflation in any form and they are backed up by nearly all the leading merchants in the country, while the pressure for more currency is very strong at the south and west. There is very little prospect of a return to a specie basis while such sentiments are maintained by a majority in Congress, and we hear that inflation will add to rather than detract from the tendency to financial embarrassment, but any inflated policy, even if it is a mild form of inflation, will be better than no action at all.

Since writing the above we learned that the Senate has passed a bill similar to that of the House.

THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

The advisory council called by the Union Avenue Congregational Church and Church of Pilgrims in Brooklyn, to settle the point of issue in the recent controversy with the Plymouth Church held its first session March 24th, in the latter mentioned church, corner of Lafayette and Clinton avenues, Brooklyn. Of the 79 churches asked to join the conference 74 were represented and 68 sent their pastor and one other delegate. Six churches were represented only by the pastors. The council also includes several professors and doctors of divinity, and contains 100 members. The delegates were received by members of the churches at their houses, and accommodation for as many as possible have been made among the members of Dr. Budington's congregation, so they may be near the church in which the conference is held.

The Council adjourned March 29th, after adopting the report of the committee embodying the decision of the council in regard to the Plymouth Church controversy. The report, in substance is as follows:

It opens by recounting the circumstances under which the council was called and states that the complaining churches were fully authorized in calling the council; at the same time the opinion is expressed that the complaining churches did not exhaust all means of getting from Plymouth Church com-

pliance with their request for the mutual council. It states also that the tone of some of the letters of the complaining churches was not such as can be approved of with regard to the matter in which advice is sought.

The report expresses the opinion that under the usages of the church Plymouth Church erred in dropping a member from its roll because he had abandoned the church for some time, especially when charges were preferred against him, and the letter of remonstrance and advice with which the correspondence commenced were not uncalled for.

The report concludes by censuring Plymouth Church for its action, but at the same time advises the other churches to maintain the same fellowship with other Congregational Churches.

At the close of the proceedings Dr. Storr made a few brief remarks, gracefully accepting the council's decision and advice.

It is reported that the final vote giving the result of the deliberation of the council was as follows: 87 votes for the decision as it stands, 8 against it and 28 refused to vote.

A POST-OFFICE FIGHT.

Troy has had a very lively fight in regard to the office of Post-Master, which has resulted in a change. The former Post-Master, Gen. Alden, has held the office very acceptably for the past eight years. He is a disabled soldier and obtains more sympathy on that account.

The Way says of the new Post-Master:

"Judge Robertson has been a decided politician, and no man in the county has given more time and labor in support of the republican cause. We subscribe to the doctrine that the man who serves his party well should be rewarded well by the party. No man in the Republican party has done more or deserved more, than Judge Robertson. The party that does not take care of its workers, will soon have nobody to work for the party."

It is not natural that a man who has been the active and acknowledged leader of the party so many years, should have numerous political enemies but not one of them will say that he was not an impartial and honest Judge and all will admit that he is abundantly qualified for the office that the President has conferred.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR MANCHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1874.

The schools of this town have been uniformly prosperous during the past year. In some of the districts whooping cough and measles have caused considerable sickness and many absent marks, as well as causing more or less disturbance in schools. A school house is not a very pleasant place for study or recitation with twenty or thirty pupils present who are more or less afflicted with the whooping cough, and such has been the condition of some of the schools a good part of the past winter. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the schools have made good progress and tax payers may count on returns for the money expended.

Schools have been maintained in all the districts in town during some portion of the year, with the exception of No. 14. This district by some mistake but as they claim through no fault of the district, did not draw their share of the public money the year before which made the tax payers of the district feel poor, and they decided not to have any school. If the officers of the town were at fault in the matter and not the district it would be no more than fair for the town to make it up to them.

The total number of children in town between 5 and 20 years of age, is 519; number attending district school at all during the year 352, and about 50 have attended Burr & Burton Seminary. Leaving about 154 children of school age who have not attended school at all during the year. The average daily attendance, when schools have been in session, has been only 382, or not much more than one-half the actual number of scholars. This, we think, shows too large a per cent of absences and shows that nearly one-half the value of the school was wasted. The total number of instances of tardiness was 1797, and of dismissals 306. The whole number of scholars having no absences was 65. The amount paid teachers during the year was \$1456.70; for board of teachers, \$916.59, for fuel \$167.79, for new furniture \$32.58; for incidentals \$26.40; for repairing school houses \$126.23, which, together with 6 per cent interest on the estimated value of school houses makes a total cost of schools for the year \$2725. To look after the expenditure of this money, prudential committees made three visits in all during the year, the Superintendent 9, all others 105, many of the latter, however, were young people visiting the teachers rather than the schools. The highest tax was paid in No. 16, 64 per cent, the smallest in No. 3, 12 per cent, and the average 25 per cent. In six districts teachers have had a steady boarding place, and a like number have done otherwise. All but three school houses are reported in "good" condition, which is a strain upon truth, though several of the houses are in very good condition.

The ratio of the actual attendance to the number of children in each district, is as follows, leaving out fractional districts: No. 2, 47 per cent,

No. 3, 29 per cent.; No. 4, 37 per cent.; No. 6, 40 per cent.; No. 8, 39 per cent.; Number nine, twenty-one per cent; No. 10 34 per cent; No. 12, 40 per cent; No. 16, 56 per cent. The village district shows the smallest per cent, but has the largest number of pupils at the Seminary. Only one district in town shows an average of over 50 per cent, and this is a very small district, and discontinued at the last town meeting.

We submit to the parents and taxpayers of Manchester whether this state of things ought to exist. Parents are mostly at fault in the non-attendance of pupils, although a portion of the blame rests with the teachers and the community in general. It ought to be considered a disgrace for a child of school age to be seen out of the school house during school hours, except at intermission.

We hope the people of this town will take a greater interest in their schools; and we can assure them it will pay better than money at 12 per cent. Let the next year's report give a better showing in all the districts.

The publishers of the new readers and spellers authorized to be used in our schools have kindly extended the time in which they can be introduced at reduced rates and with exchange of old books. The cost at the reduced rate is trifling and I would recommend that a change be made, as far as possible, at the beginning of the summer term. A supply of these books has been left with the town Superintendent who will be pleased to fill any requisition made upon him, at no extra expense to the purchasers. There has been no change in these books for fifteen years, and probably will not be again for years to come. We have no personal interest in the matter but think it for the interest of the schools and those who have the books to buy.

The public examination of teachers for the coming year will be held April 25th, and a higher grade than last year will be demanded. Teachers will govern themselves accordingly.

D. K. SIMONDS, Superintendent.

STATE ITEMS.

There is a man in Belvidere about half of whose potatoes were not dug last fall, and his India wheat is also wintering out. The Fairbanks are making arrangements with the leading railroads of the west by which they hope to establish a big lumber rail at St. Johnsbury.

The deepest soundings in the "Broad lake" seem to be 333 feet, at several points opposite Burlington and near Colchester Reef, just south of the light house.

It is stated that the liquor sellers of Montpelier have paid more than \$8000 in fines since the opening of the temperance campaign several months ago.

Three or four large forwarding and commission houses of Illinois will soon establish store-houses for grain in Rutland.

It is said, some of the locomotives on the Rutland division of the Central Vermont Railroad are to be equipped as coal burners immediately.

An exchange says it would seem that having sent forth Joe Smith and Brigham Young from their borders, Vermont might be called the Green mountain state.

Louis Shattuck, of Ludlow, was so severely injured by his insane father, who threw him violently against the foot-board of a bed, a few weeks ago, that he cannot recover.

The work on H. E. Bradford & Co.'s knitting mill, at Bennington, is progressing rapidly. The masons are at work on the second story, and the carpenters are following them closely.

An interesting insurance case was decided by the county court at Rutland on Tuesday. George C. Hathaway who, by the way, was a defaulter in \$6000, committed suicide at New York in 1871, and the National life insurance company of Montpelier refused to pay his policy of \$10000 on that account. The heirs sued for it, and proving that he was insane when he killed himself, won their case.

Notice the spirit of forgiveness (?) shown by Editor Earle of the Morrisville Citizen, in the following. The general referred to is W. W. Groat, of Barton:

Mr. Joseph Blodgett, of Stannard, had his leg broken below the knee by a falling tree striking him. This will be pretty severe on him as he is getting well along in years.—Reporter.

We are glad of it. It is the only piece of good news we have read for some days. This Blodgett was one of the "gentlemen of the jury" who sat in the first trial of the celebrated case of A. A. Earle vs. Gen. Judas Iscariot, and this gentleman of the jury being one of the immortal five who did wickedly stand out against the illustrious seven, so that the plaintiff could not prevail against the infamous Iscariot. "The way of the transgressor is hard." There are four more accidents going to happen.

There was a disgraceful row at the Catholic church in Swanton, last Sabbath. A woman came into the church who had been forbidden by Father Case. He called the congregation out of doors, hoping to get her out; but she refused to leave. He told the congregation not to lay hands on her; but Patrick Quinn, after a severe struggle, in which he lost a good part of a heavy set of whiskers, succeeded in throwing her out in the yard, and over the fence into the street. It is said she was hired to go there, by some enemies of the church, and quite a difficulty is arising from the affair.

NEWS ITEMS.

Speaker Blaine is reported to have said that the present is "easily the laziest House" within his Congressional memory.

At Fort Wrangell, Alaska, the average temperature during the winter has been thirty degrees below zero. The coldest snap was in January, when the mercury congealed.

The Manchester Print Works at Manchester, N. H., were sold at auction Thursday for \$130,000. Samuel R. Payson, of Boston, was the purchaser.

A fireless locomotive was tested in Paterson, Friday, and worked very successfully, drawing two cars loaded with passengers at a fair rate of speed. The boiler was charged before starting with sufficient steam to run twelve miles.

A Brooklyn girl of six summers says the reason the man on the new fractional currency looks so mad, is because he is only put on a ten cent stamp instead of a fifty center.

It is evident that South Carolina is taxed about as much as is conducive to her welfare. A correspondent says the rate is seventeen mills on a dollar, and the valuation from 100 to 200 per cent above the actual value. A party is mentioned who paid \$90 taxes on a tract of land that he sold soon after for 450. The whole state, and particularly the cotton belt is nearly bankrupt.

Judge Lewis Dent, brother of Mrs. Grant, died Sunday morning, of a tumor in the stomach, from which he had been suffering several months. The President and Mrs. Grant, Marshal Sharpe and wife, and other members of the family were with him when he died.

Negligent railroad officials get little mercy from Canadian juries. The inequest on the recent terrible disaster on the Great Western Railroad, in which the rear passenger car was entirely burned, while the train was at full speed, has resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against the conductor, engineer, and brakeman of the ill-fated train, and censuring the railroad company for not having proper signals for stopping trains, and also for using kerosene oil on trains.

Maggie Daniels, a Gloucester girl of eight years, died a few days ago from the effects of jumping the rope 200 times in succession.

One company in Boston is receiving 1000 tons of ice, daily, from Lake Massachusetts, near Manchester, N. H.

Six thousand bushels of oysters are to be planted in Lagoon Pond, Martha's Vineyard, in the hope that they will acquire the peculiar flavor of the natives of this water.

The Quincy House property, on Brattle Square, Boston, which has been the home of thousands of visitors from Vermont for many years and which belonged to the estate of the late Cyrus Wakefield, has been sold to Messrs. Johnson & Bell, for \$185,000.

The Salt Lake Daily Tribune has the following in its mining stock report of March 11: The strike in the lower levels of the Emma Mine, is creating considerable interest in mining circles, and is considered as a "good omen" that the bottom of this famous mine has not "fallen out," as it is termed by our cousins across the briny deep. The ore struck is said to be in the lowest works of the mine, and is of a white, soft character, assaying up in the thousands, and is considered richer than any heretofore taken out of the mine. The vein struck is between five and seven feet, and is increasing in width. The shipments from this mine this week have been large, and the ore of the highest grade.

WINTER RESORT ITEMS.

The Savannah, Charleston and Richmond Hotels are crowded with tourists returning from Florida.

The Hotels and Boarding houses at Aiken, S. C. are well filled with northern visitors wending their way homeward.

St. Augustine Hotels are still well patronized, many visitors remain there through the month of April.

More northerners have visited Florida during the past winter than in any previous season.

Among the guests at the Highland Park hotel, Aiken, S. C. are the following persons: Wm. Smith Brown and wife, Lewis B. Brown and wife, of New York City; Rt. Rev. T. A. McFarland, Bishop of Connecticut; Israel Peterson and Miss Peterson, of Philadelphia; D. H. Bayley and the Misses Bayley, of Boston; C. Comstock and the Misses Comstock, of Rome, N. Y.; Rev. Allan McLean and family, of Orange, N. J.; Rev. E. P. Pratt of Portsmouth, O.; Mr. E. C. Steadman, of New York City; Col. T. A. Hardy, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.; Wm. C. Langley, Esq., Capt. Oscar Colles, Rev. H. W. Bellows and party, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris, of Springfield, Mass.; John G. Saxe and Miss Saxe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. Waterman, and two sons, Albany, N. Y.; John R. Watson wife and daughter, Perth Amboy, N. J.

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